

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

BETH ANNE PIPER

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FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING DIABETES

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SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment supplements the Amendment mailed November 14, 2002 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Amendment mailed November 14, 2002 indicated that a Declaration under Rule 131 would be submitted "within the next one-two months (or sooner)" to overcome U.S. Patent No. 6,303,146 to Bonhomme. In addition, Applicant indicated that

"The inventor is no longer employed at the assignee company, namely, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and so it will take some time to prepare the Declaration and have it executed."

Applicant's attorney spoke to the Examiner on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 and indicated that it has not been possible to reach the inventor as yet. The Examiner suggested that the Declaration under Rule 131 be submitted without being executed. The Examiner indicated that she would review the Declaration and if she finds that it does overcome the reference she would accept an executed copy of the Declaration after final rejection. Accordingly, enclosed herewith is a copy